



US Forest Service Rim Fire Recovery Weekly Update

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General Background:

- The Rim Fire started in August 2013 and eventually burned 257,314 acres, including 154,530 acres on the Stanislaus National Forest. Burned Area Emergency Response work to address immediate hazards has been completed with the exception of storm patrol and monitoring.
- The Stanislaus National Forest has formed two interdisciplinary teams to produce:
 1. An environmental assessment (EA) for hazard tree removal along 194 miles of high use Forest Service Maintenance Level 2/3/4/5 roads, administrative and recreation facilities, and areas adjacent to private infrastructure. The EA includes 10,315 acres of NFS lands, of which 8,986 acres are along roads.
 2. An environmental impact statement (EIS) regarding salvage and restoration. The objective of the project is to reduce the potential for future catastrophic fire by reducing the fuel loading and capture the perishable economic commodity value of the fire killed trees through timber salvage. The draft EIS includes 44,461 acres of NFS lands, of which 16,315 acres are along roads.
- The EA Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact were signed on April 25, 2014.
- The Draft EIS is scheduled for public comment beginning in mid-May 2014, with a decision scheduled for August 2014.
- The 7-day advertisement period for the EA timber sales has begun.
- To read previous updates and articles, please visit the Rim Fire Recovery webpage at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/stanislaus/home/?cid=stelprd3790883>.

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